

NEWS of the STATE



The population of Lincolnton, N. C., is 2,413 as against 823 in 1900, and Oxford 3,018, as against 2,059, according to figures just made public.

A movement has been started to create a new county out of parts of Gaston and Lincoln, with Stanly as the county seat. Petitions are being circulated and the matter will be pushed.

Wadesboro suffered the most disastrous fire in its history last Friday morning when one-half of one of the best business blocks was entirely destroyed with a total property loss of \$100,000.

A well-to-do negro named Dockery Currie, committed suicide at his home in Howellsville township, near Lumberton last week. He used a shot gun. Fear of losing his mind is said to have been the cause of the act.

Last Friday was the 80th birthday of Berry Davidson, of Gibsonville, N. C., who is probably the oldest active mayor in this state. He has been mayor of Gibsonville during the greater part of the last twenty years, and is attending regularly to the duties of his office.

In Surry superior court last week John Cook, Sandy Taylor and William Simmons, white men, were convicted of killing a negro named Tilly at Pilot Mountain last year. Cook was given five years in the state prison, while Taylor and Simmons were each fined \$125 and costs.

Herbert Southerland, a 12-year-old son of R. B. Southerland, a prominent business man of Clinton, shot himself accidentally while playing with a 38-caliber pistol Friday afternoon. He was a student of the graded school and the shooting happened in a field just back of the school grounds. The ball entered the lower part of his body and passed entirely through him.

In keeping with a state wide movement inaugurated by the members of the Junior Order United American Mechanics in North Carolina Spencer Council No. 74 has forwarded a petition to the General Assembly at Raleigh asking that an act be passed requiring that the Bible be taught in the public schools of the State. It is demanded that the Bible be made a textbook in the schools.

A largely attended mass-meeting of the chamber of commerce considered for two hours Friday night the subject of a new charter for the city of Hickory, which should provide for government by commission. The various features of such government were discussed by different speakers, the initiative, referendum and recall being explained. The recent address of Mr. John A. McRae of Charlotte at the annual banquet of the chamber was a great aid to the citizens in considering the matter.

Dr. John Hancock Williamson died in Rockingham Saturday suddenly of heart failure. He had spent the day in town attending to business, apparently being in his usual good health. While on the way to his plantation home, 12 miles away, he died in his autolimits. Dr. shrdluetaoishrdluetaa tomobile just outside the town limits. Dr. Williamson was one of the most prominent and best known citizens of Richmond county. He was a large property owner having plantations in this state and in Alabama.

At 10:30 o'clock Friday morning Phillip Mills paid death penalty in electric chair at the State prison for the murder of his wife in Transylvania county, the crime being in which he broke his gun stock over the head of his wife and at the same time brought about injuries to their infant that caused its death. The mother was fleeing from him with the child in her arms. Phillip was a negro 23 years old. The plea of "brain storm" was made for commutation by the Governor which was refused. The electrocution, the second in this State.

The Forsyth County Good Road Association have endorsed the new road bill to be presented to the Legislature for the enactment into law. A bill which provides for a \$750,000 bond election to be held at a date to be fixed next Tuesday. The Forsyth Dairy and Live Stock Association in ses-

sion Saturday went on record favoring a tax on dogs in the county for the protection of sheep and other live stock. The association decided upon Guensey cows as the best type for dairy purposes and Hereford cattle as best type for beef.

In the superior court at Clinton last week Joe Powell, who killed another negro named Lucien Dixon at a sawmill near here last week, submitted to a verdict of guilty of second degree murder without trial. He was sentenced to a term of twenty-five years imprisonment in the penitentiary. In the same court Ed Stuart, a colored school teacher, was convicted of second degree murder for killing a pupil with a stick of wood in the school room. The pupil was a green negro boy and fought the teacher, who undertook to punish him for infraction of the rules. Stuart received a sentence of fifteen years imprisonment in the penitentiary.

A Vision.
I see a world where thrones have crumbled and where kings are dust. The aristocracy of idleness has perished from the earth. I see a world without a slave. Man at last is free. Nature's forces have by science been enslaved. Lightning and light, wind and wave, frost and flame and all the secret subtle powers of earth and air are the tireless toilers for the human race.

I see a world at peace, adorned with every form of art, with music's myriad voices thrilled, while lips are rich with words of love and truth—a world in which no exile sighs, no prisoner mourns; a world on which the gibbet's shadow does not fall; a world where labor reaps its full reward; where work and worth go hand in hand; where the poor girl in trying to win bread with the needle—the needle that has been called the "asp for the breast of the poor"—is not driven to the desperate choice of crime or death, suicide or shame.

I see a world without the beggar's outstretched palm, the miser's heartless, stony stare, the piteous wail of want, the livid lips of lies, the cruel eye of scorn.

I see a race without disease of flesh or brain—shapely and fair, the married harmony of form and function and as I look life lengthens, joy deepens, love canopies the earth and over all in the great dome, shines the eternal star of human hope.—Selected.

Giving a Mortgage and Issuing Bonds.

Greenville Reflector.
There are men who have no hesitancy about giving a direct mortgage to buy a horse, a buggy, a piano, to run their crops, or even to get a washing machine right. Yet those same men will lift their hands in horror at the suggestion of giving an indirect mortgage to build good roads even when they will never be called upon to pay the principal and only their proportional part of the interest. At the same time the mortgage for the good roads, while not adding anything to their taxes, will save them enough on the wear and tear of horses and vehicles and lost time to enable them to pay off their direct individual mortgage. If they would look at the situation logically, they should be able to see it in this light. But we will always have some people who are "penny wise and pound foolish."

No Profit in Scrubs.

It is not enough to raise crops and live stock. They must be marketed. When you come to doing this how much easier it is to sell if these crops or stock are of high quality and how much better prices are realized. It really costs but little more to raise good stuff than it does to raise poor, and good stuff sells itself.

KEEP OUT THE AIR.

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FLY TIME IS COMING.

A Few Things Every One Should Know About the House Fly.

There is nothing that speaks for filth with greater certainty than the presence of the house-fly. There is no insect that carries as much disease into the home, and causes as much sorrow and unhappiness, as the house-fly. Of course every one knows the house-fly, but we are afraid that but few really appreciate that it is not merely a harmless nuisance, but that it is one of the greatest menaces to human life that exists.

A single fly is capable of carrying to your food several millions of disease producing germs. It has been demonstrated by scientific research that typhoid fever is carried into the home by the fly. While it is true there is but little typhoid fever in Hendersonville at any time, yet we do not want any of it. If we will see to it that the fly is eliminated from the home, we will do most towards the elimination of that preventable disease. It has been demonstrated that more cases of typhoid fever are caused by the house fly infecting food and drink, than from all other sources of infection known.

Tuberculosis, measles, whooping cough, and in fact practically all of the infections and preventable diseases are carried into the home by the house-fly. So, it is necessary, in order that our people may remain in good health, that we exclude the house-fly from our homes. It is not only an undesirable nuisance, but is a distinct and certain menace to public health.

Screen your homes against its invasion. And of even greater importance, screen your stables and cow barns, as well as all toilets; for those places are the favorite breeding places of this great enemy to mankind. Keep your premises clean, and have no stagnant water about your home, and there will be less flies to exclude. We owe this not only to our individual selves, but we owe it to our neighbors as well. We have no more right to subject our neighbors to the dangers which come from the house-fly, than we have to give them a deadly drug.

The department of agriculture of the state of North Carolina is-

sues a very valuable bulletin on the house-fly, its means of propagation, the means of preventing its multiplication, and the dangers of its presence. We would suggest that you can easily obtain a copy by application to that department. Write to Raleigh for it, get it and read it carefully, and you will gather some very valuable information.

It is not because Hendersonville is so full of flies, and its people are suffering from so much preventable disease that we print this; but it is because we want the people to be guarded against the possibility of becoming infected by preventable diseases. It is our purpose, from week to week to print something in connection with public health matters, and we have made arrangements whereby we will be put into possession of the necessary information to present to our readers. We trust that you will look for it and read it carefully and with interest, and that you will profit by the information it will carry to you.

Wants Work for Women to be Only Eight Hours.

Denver, Col., Feb. 11.—What are generally considered the best of anti-suffrage arguments marked a speech in the state house of representatives yesterday by Mrs. Agnes Riddle, one of the three women members of the legislature and presumably an advocate of women suffrage.

Mrs. Riddle spoke in favor of a bill placing a limit of eight hours on the daily work of women in this state.

"In the cities," said Mrs. Riddle, "women work such long hours for such small pay that employers hire them instead of men. This results in the woman doing the work while the man sits at home and wears out the seat of his pants."

"And while the woman is working and coming home each evening to a stuffy flat, she is not going to raise a family."

"This condition is wrong. The men should go to work and the women stay at home and raise families. The nation needs mothers, home makers and housewives."

"Pass this bill and make the men go to work."

The bill passed on second reading with only one dissenting vote.

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